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Happy Anniversary!

NHSN proudly celebrated our first anniversary on October 20! Our sincere congratulations to all of you who have made our first complete year a success. We appreciate your patience and hard work and look forward to working with you for many years to come!

UPDATED ICD-9-CM PROCEDURE CODES

As you recall, each year the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, publishes updates to the official *ICD-9-CM Codes for Hospitals*. Although ICD-9-CM codes are not used to define infections or conditions in NHSN, the ICD-9 procedure codes are used to define NHSN operative procedures. Below is a list of new ICD-9 codes and their corresponding NHSN Operative Procedure codes:

ICD-9-CM Code	NHSN Proc. Code	Description
00.85	HPRO	Resurfacing hip, total, acetabulum and femoral head <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hip resurfacing, arthroplasty, total
00.86	HPRO	Resurfacing hip, partial, femoral head <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hip resurfacing arthroplasty• Hip resurfacing arthroplasty, partial, femoral head• Excludes that with resurfacing of acetabulum (00.85)
00.87	HPRO	Resurfacing hip, partial, acetabulum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excludes that with resurfacing of femoral head (00.85)
01.28	CRAN	Placement of intracerebral catheter(s) via burr hole <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convection enhanced delivery• Stereotactic placement of intracerebral catheter(s)• Excludes insertion of catheter(s) into cranial cavity

		or tissues
32.23	THOR	Open ablation of lung lesion or tissue
32.25	THOR	Thoracoscopic ablation of lung lesion or tissue
32.26	THOR	Other and unspecified ablation of lung lesion or tissue
50.23	BILI	Open ablation of liver lesion or tissue
50.25	BILI	Laparoscopic ablation of liver lesion or tissue
50.26	BILI	Other and unspecified ablation of liver lesion or tissue
55.32	NEPH	Open ablation of renal lesion or tissue
55.34	NEPH	Laparoscopic ablation of renal lesion or tissue
55.35	NEPH	Other and unspecified ablation of renal lesion or tissue
68.41	HYST	Laparoscopic total abdominal hysterectomy
68.49	HYST	Laparoscopic radical abdominal hysterectomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laparoscopic modified radical hysterectomy • Total laparoscopic radical hysterectomy
68.69	HYST	Other and unspecified radical abdominal hysterectomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modified radical hysterectomy • Wertheim's operation • Excludes laparoscopic total abdominal hysterectomy (68.41), laparoscopic radical abdominal hysterectomy (68.61)
68.71	VHYS	Laparoscopic radical vaginal hysterectomy (LRVH)
68.79	VHYS	Other and unspecified radical vaginal hysterectomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hysterocolpectomy • Schauta operation

In addition to the above NHSN Operative Procedure Codes, the following new ICD-9-CM codes fall into the category OTH. Please remember that, although you may monitor operations that fall within the OTH code, it is not included in your Monthly Reporting Plan, and there are no comparative data provided for corresponding events.

ICD-9-CM Code	NHSN Proc. Code	Description
00.44	OTH	Procedure on vessel bifurcation. Note: this code is to be used to identify the presence of a vessel bifurcation: it does not describe a specific bifurcation stent (adjunct code)
00.56	OTH	Insertion or replacement of implantable pressure sensor (lead) for intracardiac hemodynamic monitoring

00.57	OTH	Implantation or replacement of subcutaneous device for intracardiac hemodynamic monitoring
00.77	OTH	Hip replacement bearing surface, ceramic-on-polyethylene (adjunct code)
36.33	OTH	Endoscopic transmyocardial revascularization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robot-assisted transmyocardial revascularization • Thoracoscopic transmyocardial revascularization

NHSN Manual (Patient Safety Protocol) Revisions

A revised NHSN Manual will be available on the website very soon. In addition to the above ICD-9-CM code changes, the following revisions will be included and highlighted in yellow:

p. 6-7	LCBI, Criteria 2 and 3. References to “positive antigen test on blood” have been removed. This is no longer included in the LCBI Criteria.
p. 7	CSEP “or antigen” has been removed. A positive antigen test is no longer included in the CSEP criteria.
P 9-10	“Criteria for Defining Nosocomial Pneumonia: General Comments” section added (back in). This section of the Pneumonia Criteria was inadvertently omitted when this (NHSN Manual) document was compiled.
p. 25	Definitions of Dialysis Incident Types added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitalization • IV Antimicrobial Start • Positive Blood Culture
p. 47	Table 8. Instructions for Completion of Dialysis Incident (DI) form. Under field “DI Incident Type”, above definitions added.
p. 69	Key Terms. Added DI types with definitions.

Reminder! Digital Certificate Renewal

The Secure Data Network (SDN) requires that all digital certificates be renewed every year and many of you are approaching the one-year anniversary. The NHSN has begun to send notifications to users 30 days prior to the certificate expiration date. You may apply for a new certificate at any time within the 30 day period. If you are within 14 days of the expiration date the SDN will display a message that your certificate will expire. During the time we begin to process your request and until the certificate is installed you will not have access to NHSN. Remember, you must have administrative rights to the computer on which you are installing the certificate and your email address in NHSN and SDN must match. Follow the instructions below to obtain a digital certificate.

Instructions: When applying for a new digital certificate you may use the same challenge phrase or create a new one. **Please make a back-up copy of your new digital certificate AND delete the old copy.**

Please print a copy of the document entitled "SDN Enrollment Guide: A

Guide for using the Secure Data Network to Obtain a Digital Certificate and to Enroll in a CDC Program" from the following URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/nhsn/members/SDNEnrollmentGuide.pdf>

Follow the instructions in this guide to obtain and install the digital certificate so that you will be able to access NHSN through the SDN.

The first step in the SDN enrollment process is to enter an enrollment password. From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Digital ID Enrollment page, <https://ca.cdc.gov>, you will be prompted for the Enrollment Password, which is: !cdc_sdn_apply! (Be sure to include the exclamation points and use lower case and underscores.)

During SDN enrollment you will be prompted to select a Program and a program-specific Activity.

For Program, select: National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)
For Activity, select: NHSN Reporting

If you have difficulties enrolling in the SDN or installing the certificate, please contact them at 800-532-9929 or 770-216-1276, Option 1, or email, phintech@cdc.gov.

Please Include Your ID!

When sending an e-mail to NHSN please include your facility ID number. This will allow us to save time in researching a facility specific question/issue. The ID number is a 5-digit number and is displayed at the top of the NHSN Home Page in parentheses like this: **Logged into DHQP Memorial Hospital (ID 10000) as JPS1**

NHSN Statistics - as of October 20, 2006

Facilities enrolled and submitting data to NHSN	305
Monthly Reporting Plans	3,407
Patients entered	159,827
Summary Data Records	7,817
Events entered	180,126
Bloodstream Infection (BSI)	7,134
Pneumonia (PNEU)	3,982
Surgical Site Infections (SSI)	6,204
Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)	5,719
Dialysis Incidents (DI)	3,917
Procedures	149,777
Facilities uploading OR procedure data	22
Output (Tables, Graphs, etc.) generated	24,188

